

Master's Program Slavery Studies

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		'Slavery Studies" ar Program, 60 ECTS)	
1 st semester	Slavery and Other Forms of Strong Asymmetrical Dependency: An Introduction (15 ECTS)	Slaveries in Transcultural Comparison (5 ECTS)	Compulsory Elective Modules Slaveries: Case Studies (10 ECTS)
2 nd semester	Research Problems and Debates in Slavery and Dependency Studies Today (10 ECTS)	Researching Slaveries: Preparation for MA Thesis (5 ECTS)	Master's Thesis (15 ECTS)



Compulsory Modules



Module:

Slavery and Other Forms of Strong Asymmetrical **Dependency: An Introduction**

Module ID/Code: 570101200



1. Content and intended learning outcomes

Content

The degree program will introduce students to the phenomenon of slavery and its various manifestations, as well as other forms of strong asymmetrical dependency. Students will learn about

- definitions of slavery and forms of dependency
- essential scholarship on slavery and the emerging canon on other forms of strong asymmetrical dependency
- relevant methods from textual studies and material and social sciences, and empirical approaches
- classical and recent theory with reference to strong asymmetrical dependencies and slavery in textual studies, material sciences and across empirical disciplines, enabling them to interrogate theory texts
- academic work and research techniques

Students will gain

- experience in the planning and design of research projects and
- the ability to present and write about their findings by acquiring presentation and writing techniques in English

Learning outcomes (aims and objectives; key skills)

Students will acquire

- a deeper level of knowledge of and reflection on forms of social dependency and asymmetrical relationships
- a deeper understanding of a range of methods for investigating social dependencies and asymmetrical relationships
- the ability to evaluate sources and data by applying appropriate methods
- a deeper level of knowledge of and reflection on forms of dependency and slavery at different times and in different geographical areas and cultures
- the ability to study theory texts and develop their own theory-informed questions to help them investigate dependencies and asymmetrical relationships
- a broader knowledge of relevant theories
- the ability to assess theories in terms of suitability for their own research projects.

2. Teaching and learning methods

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Type of	Topic	Languag	Group	Course	Workloa
instructi		e of	size	units per	d [hrs]
on		instructi		week	
		on			
Seminar	Phenomena of Slavery and	English	15	2	80
	Other Forms of Strong				
	Asymmetrical Dependency				
Seminar	Methodological	English	15	2	80
	approaches				
Seminar	Theoretical approaches	English	15	2	80
Seminar	Academic writing	English	15	1	70

3. Prerequisites for the module

compulsory	none
recommended	none



4. Degree program allocation						
	Study pr	compulsory/	Duration			
		elective	(semesters)			
	M.A. Slaver	1				
5. Requirements for the	6. Credits					
Course requirements	Seminar 1: written or oral	assessment		15		
(admission requirements	20 hrs					
for module exam)	Seminar 2: written or oral	assessment				
	20 hrs					
	Seminar 3: written or oral	assessment				
	20 hrs					
Module exam	oral exam (English)					
7. Frequency		8. Workload	9. Duration			
Winter semester	Winter and	450 hrs	1 sem	nester		
Summer semester	summer semesters $\ \square$					
Module coordination						
Tought by	Cluster members Prof. Dr. Jarzebowski, Prof. Dr. Pia Wiegmink, Prof. Dr. Christoph					
Taught by	Witzenrath					
Module Coordinator	Cluster members Prof. Dr. Jarzebowski, Prof. Dr. Pia Wiegmink, Prof. Dr. Christoph					
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Institute/Department	BCDSS					
Other						
(such as literature list)						



Module:							
Slaveries in Transc Module ID/Code: 570101300	ultural C	omparison			UNIVER	SITÄ	T BONN
1. Content and intended	d learning o	outcomes					
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(aims and objectives; key skills)		o carry out comp areness of the d		•			
2. Teaching and learning	g methods						
	Type of instructi on	Topic		Language of instruction	Group size	Cour e uni per wee	ts [hrs]
	Seminar	Slaveries in Transcultural Comparison		English	15	2	70
3. Prerequisites for the module							
compulsory	none						
recommended	none						
4. Degree program alloc	ation				Τ .		
		Study pr M.A. Slavei			compulso elective required	<u>.</u>	Duration (semesters) 1
5. Requirements for the	award of		y Studies		require	J	6. Credits
Course requirements (admission requirements for module exam)		Seminar: oral or written assessment 5					
Module exam	Term pape	Term paper 50 hrs					
7. Frequency		8. Workload 9. Duration					
Winter semester ⊠ Summer semester □	Winter and summer se		1	.50 hrs	1	l sem	ester
Module coordination							
Taught by	Cluster me	ember Prof. Dr. 0	Christoph \	Witzenrath			
Module Coordinator	Cluster me	ember Prof. Dr. 0	Christoph \	Witzenrath			
Institute/Department	BCDSS						
Other							
(such as literature list)							



Module: Research Problems and Debates in Dependency and UNIVERSITÄT BONN **Slavery Studies Today** Module ID/Code: 570101400 1. Content and intended learning outcomes In this module, students will be introduced to current debates and challenges in Content Dependency and Slavery Studies and critical discussion of academic methods. Learning outcomes Students will acquire the ability to (aims and objectives; key reflect on the new, interdisciplinary research field of Dependency and Slavery skills) **Studies** understand and classify current debates and challenges in Dependency and Slavery Studies, apply theories and research methods to their own projects, and to connect with current debates. 2. Teaching and learning methods Type of Topic Language of Group Course Workloa units per instructi instruction d [hrs] size week on Research Problems and 15 2 80 Seminar English Debates in Dependency and Slavery Studies Today Seminar Case Studies from the English 15 2 60 Joseph C. Miller Memorial Lecture 3. Prerequisites for the module Module 1: Slavery and Other Forms of Strong Asymmetrical Dependency: An compulsory Introduction Module 2: Slaveries in Transcultural Comparison Elective module: Slaveries: Case Studies recommended none 4. Degree program allocation Duration Study program compulsory/ elective (semesters) M.A. Slavery Studies required 2 5. Requirements for the award of credits (ECTS) 6. Credits Seminar 1: Panel simulation in small groups: presentation, Course requirements 10 chairing/hosting discussions, 50 hrs (admission requirements for module exam) Seminar 2: Written Assessment 20 hrs Module exam Term Paper 90 hrs 8. Workload 9. Duration 7. Frequency Winter and 300 hrs winter semester П 1 semester summer semester summer semesters **Module coordination** Cluster member Prof. Dr. Christoph Witzenrath Taught by **Module Coordinator** Cluster member Prof. Dr. Christoph Witzenrath Institute/Department **BCDSS** Other (such as literature list)



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570101500							
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	under sup	ervision, and res	search sou	rces and schola	rship. They w	ill thus h	eve the
	opportuni	pportunity to develop their own academic research projects and final assignments.					
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	Guided	Researching SI		English	15	2	95
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3. Prerequisites for the				•			_
compulsory		Module 1: Slavery and Other Forms of Strong Asymmetrical Dependency: An				An	
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(admission requirements		Guided self-study: Submitting current state of research and outline 5					
for module exam)		for MA thesis Colleguium Proporting presentation 40 hrs					
Module exam	Conoquiul	Colloquium: Preparing presentation 40 hrs					
7. Frequency		8. Workload 9. Duration					
winter semester	Winter and						
summer semester	summer se]	L JUINESL	C1
Module coordination	32						
Taught by	Cluster me	ember Prof. Dr. I	Pia Wiegm	ink			
Module Coordinator		ember Prof. Dr. i					
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Other							
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Module:							
Master's thesis							
Module ID/Code:					UNIVER	SITAT	BONN
1. Content and intended							
Content	Writing of	Master's thesis					
Learning outcomes (aims and objectives; key skills)							
2. Teaching and learnin	g methods						
	Type of	Topic		Language of	Group	Cours	Workload
	instructi			instruction	size	e units	[hrs]
	on					per week	
						WEEK	
3. Prerequisites for the	module						
compulsory	Module 1:	Module 1: Slavery and Other Forms of Strong Asymmetrical Dependency: An				An	
	Introduction	Introduction					
	Module 2:	Slaveries in Trai	nscultural	Comparison			
		Elective module: Slaveries: Case Studies					
		Module 3: Research Problems and Debates in Slavery and Dependency Studies Today Module 4: Researching Slaveries: Preparation for MA Thesis					
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recommended		none -•					
4. Degree program allo	cation	Ct. I			<u> </u>	,	- · ·
		Study program compulsory/ Duration elective (semesters)					
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5. Requirements for the	award of	credits (ECTS)					6. Credits
Course requirements							15
(admission requirements							
for module exam)							
Module exam							
7. Frequency	8. Workload 9. Duration						
winter semester	Winter and		4	150 hrs	1	l semes	ter
summer semester 🖂	summer semesters						
Module coordination	I						
Taught by							
Module Coordinator							
Institute/Department	BCDSS						
Other							
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Compulsory Elective Modules



Module: Slaveries: Case Studies – Text-based Scholarship UNIVERSITÄT BONN Module ID/Code: 570101600 1. Content and intended learning outcomes Students will acquire knowledge of concrete historical, geographical and cultural contexts of slavery and linked phenomena based on a variety of textual source materials deploy theories and methods to select case studies acquire experience applying concepts on the basis of methodology, theory and content to research projects gain confidence in approaching text sources with a critical eye Students will Learning outcomes (aims and objectives; key gain the ability to analyze phenomena of dependency and slavery by applying skills) theories and methods critically and independently evaluate sources analyze case studies acquire knowledge of concrete historical, geographical and cultural contexts of slavery and linked phenomena deepen their knowledge of their own field of research (in this case textual studies) learn to reflect about a range of sources acquire experience in the conception of research projects 2. Teaching and learning methods Topic Cours Workload Type of Language of Group e units instructi instruction size [hrs] per on week Slaveries: Case Studies 90 Seminar English 15 2 Seminar Doing Research English 15 80 3. Prerequisites for the module compulsory none recommended none 4. Degree program allocation Study program compulsory/ Duration elective (semesters) M.A. Slavery Studies elective 6. Credits 5. Requirements for the award of credits (ECTS) Seminar: written assessment (e.g. protocol, essay, literature review, Course requirements 10 (admission requirements research proposal) 30 hrs for module exam) 100 hrs Module exam Term paper 8. Workload 9. Duration 7. Frequency winter semester 300 hrs Winter and 1 semester \boxtimes summer semester summer semesters **Module coordination** Taught by Cluster member Dr. Aleksander Paradziński **Module Coordinator** Cluster member Dr. Aleksander Paradziński Institute/Department BCDSS Other (such as literature list)



Module: Slaveries: Case Studies – Material Culture UNIVERSITÄT BONN Module ID/Code: 570101700 1. Content and intended learning outcomes Students will acquire knowledge of concrete contexts of slavery and slavery-like phenomena on the basis of different material sources apply theories and research methods to selected case studies practise methodological, theoretical and content-related conception of research projects acquire experience applying concepts on the basis of methodology, theory and content to research projects gain confidence in approaching textual and material sources with a critical eye Learning outcomes Students will learn to analyze slavery and linked phenomena by applying theories and methods (aims and objectives; key enhance their ability to critically and independently evaluate textual and material skills) sources analyze case studies acquire knowledge of concrete historica, grographical and cultural contexts of slavery and slavery-like phenomena deepen their knowledge of their own field of research (in this case material sciences) reflect about a range of sources acquire experience in the conception of research projects 2. Teaching and learning methods Cours Workload Type of Topic Language of Group e units instructi instruction size [hrs] per on week Seminar Slaveries: Case Studies English 15 90 2 Seminar **Doing Research** English 15 1 80 3. Prerequisites for the module compulsory none recommended none 4. Degree program allocation compulsory/ Duration Study program (semesters) elective M.A. Slavery Studies elective 1 5. Requirements for the award of credits (ECTS) 6. Credits Course requirements Seminar: written assessment 10 (admission requirements (e.g. protocol, essay, literature review, research proposal) 30 hrs for module exam) Term paper 100 hrs Module exam 8. Workload 9. Duration 7. Frequency winter semester X Winter and 300 hrs 1 semester summer semester summer semesters **Module coordination** Taught by Cluster member Luvena Kopp **Module Coordinator** Cluster member Luvena Kopp Institute/Department **BCDSS**



Other	
(such as literature list)	



Module: Slaveries: Case Studies – Social Sciences UNIVERSITÄT BONN Module ID/Code: 570101800 1. Content and intended learning outcomes Students will acquire knowledge of concrete historical, geographical and cultural contexts of slavery and linked phenomena based on a variety of data deploy theories and methods to select case studies acquire experience applying concepts on the basis of methodology, theory and content to research projects gain confidence in critically and responsibly carrying out data collection Students will Learning outcomes (aims and objectives; key learn to analyze slavery and linked phenomena by applying theories and methods skills) enhance their ability to critically and responsibly collect data analyze case studies acquire knowledge of concrete historica, grographical and cultural contexts of slavery and slavery-like phenomena deepen their knowledge of their own field of research (in this case social sciences) reflect about a range of data collection methods acquire experience in the conception of research projects 2. Teaching and learning methods Type of Topic Language of Cours Workload Group e units instructi instruction size [hrs] per on week Slaveries: Case Studies 90 Seminar English 15 2 **Doing Research** English 15 80 Seminar 3. Prerequisites for the module compulsory none recommended none 4. Degree program allocation Study program compulsory/ Duration elective (semesters) M.A. Slavery Studies elective 1 5. Requirements for the award of credits (ECTS) 6. Credits Course requirements Seminar: written assessment 10 (admission requirements (e.g. protocol, essay, literature review, research proposal) 30 for module exam) hrs Module exam Term paper 100 hrs 9. Duration 8. Workload 7. Frequency 300 1 semester winter semester Winter and |X|summer semester summer semesters П **Module coordination** Taught by Cluster member Dr. Sinah Kloß **Module Coordinator** Cluster member Dr. Sinah Kloß Institute/Department **BCDSS** Other (such as literature list)

